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US Agency for International Development Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance



- **Mandate: Save Lives, Alleviate Human Suffering, Reduce Economic Impact of Disasters**
- **250 people worldwide**
- **Budget approx \$1.3 billion in 2010**
- **Keepers of best practices for USG on HA/DR**
- **Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness**





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Disaster Declaration Response Criteria

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1. **Host Nation Government Must Ask for, or be Willing to Accept, Assistance.**
2. **The Disaster Must Exceed the Capacity of the Host Nation Government to Respond.**
3. **The Response Must be in the Interest of the US Government.**



- **Lead USG Agency for International Disaster Relief**
 - Organizes
 - Coordinates
 - Reports the entire USG response





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OFDA Response Options

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- **Immediate \$ to EMB or Mission**
(normally \$50k, but may be more)

Most Common

- **Assessment Team**

- **DART**

(Disaster Assistance Response Team)

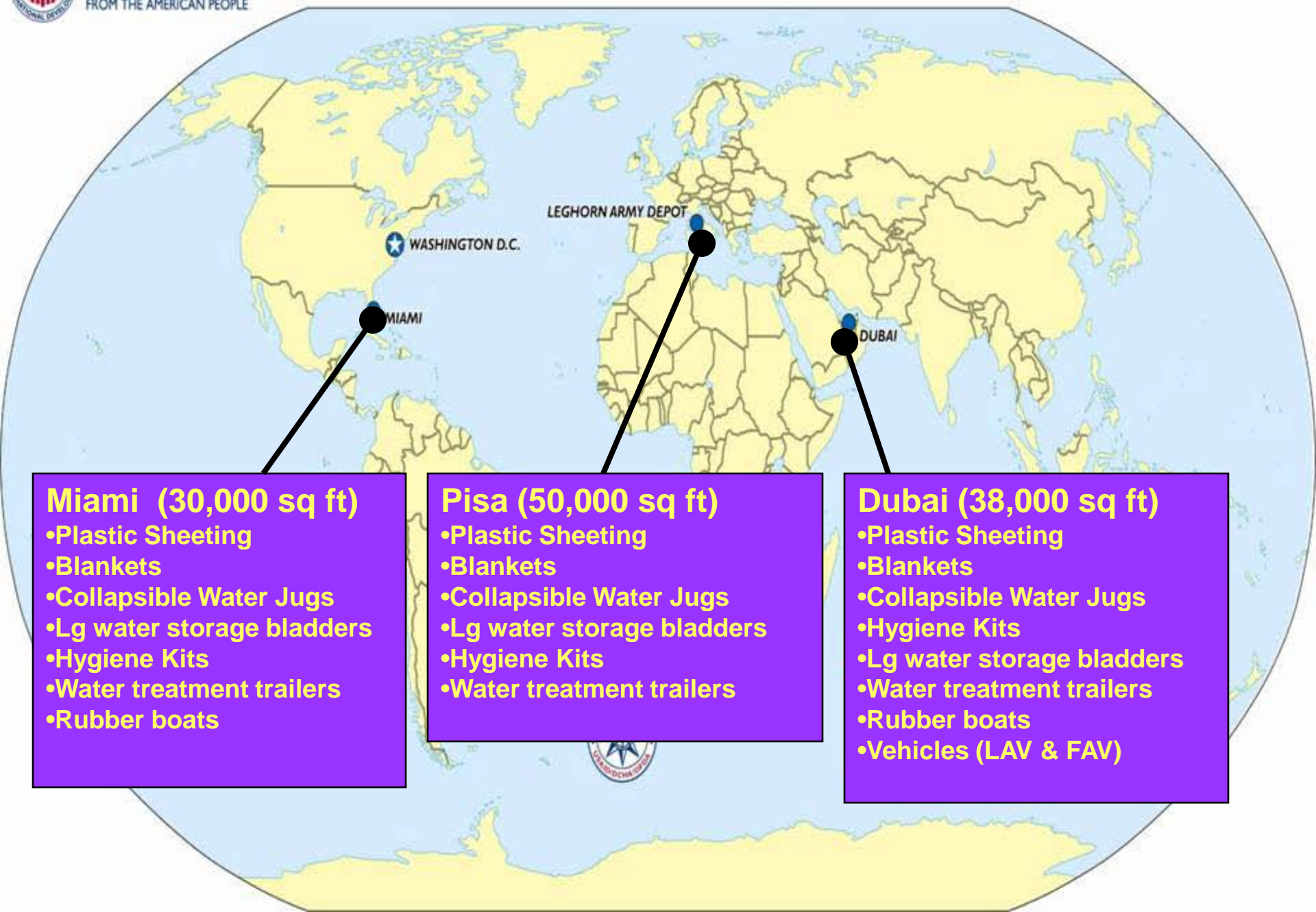
- **Grants to UN, IOs, and NGOs (\$ as needed)**
- **Commodity Shipments**
- **Inter-agency agreements**

Large Events



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OFDA STOCKPILES WORLDWIDE



Miami (30,000 sq ft)

- Plastic Sheeting
- Blankets
- Collapsible Water Jugs
- Lg water storage bladders
- Hygiene Kits
- Water treatment trailers
- Rubber boats

Pisa (50,000 sq ft)

- Plastic Sheeting
- Blankets
- Collapsible Water Jugs
- Lg water storage bladders
- Hygiene Kits
- Water treatment trailers

Dubai (38,000 sq ft)

- Plastic Sheeting
- Blankets
- Collapsible Water Jugs
- Hygiene Kits
- Lg water storage bladders
- Water treatment trailers
- Rubber boats
- Vehicles (LAV & FAV)



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- **Part of inter-agency response**
- **Provided \$1.3 million towards response**
- **Training to OFDA Staff**
- **Developed and procured specialized commodities**
- **Assistance provided government to government**



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Facilitating Foreign Emergency Aid

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- **International Disaster Response Law (IDRL)**
- **Entry of emergency workers and supplies**
- **Accreditation of Foreign Experts**
- **Use of foreign transport and communications**
- **Temporary Domestic Legal Status**